

**January 7, 2024
The Epiphany of the Lord**

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION THIS WEEK

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. For the Church, the Epiphany refers to the manifestation of the Divine Son of God to the world. We can also consider it as an intimate encounter between God and His creation, an encounter of persons which includes an exchange of gifts and a change in us. Certainly, the gifts offered by the Magi were precious and prophetic. Gold which proclaimed the royal dignity of Jesus as the prophesied inheritor of the throne of King David; frankincense which recognized his divinity as the Son of God, and myrrh which would symbolize his sharing in our humanity including death, death on the Cross. Yet, in this encounter, the Magi representing all of humanity received the superior gift, a personal encounter with the Son of God who looked at them with human eyes, touched them with human hands and spoke to their heart with human yet also divine words. They had an encounter we also experience with the One who knew them before they were conceived as it says in the Book of Jeremiah 1:5, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, And before you were born I consecrated you..." Oh what a precious gift. But there's more. This encounter also changed the lives of the Magi. The encounter with their Divine Lord led them on a new path in life away from the sin symbolized in Herod. We also are changed. We are made into a new creation like the Magi through the mercy of God in our baptism and are called to follow a new path in life away from sin onward to our final journey where we will eternally be with Him who knew us even before we were conceived.

MASS INTENTIONS AND SCRIPTURES THIS WEEK

Sun, Jan 7, The Epiphany of The Lord
Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13 Eph 3:2-3, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12
8:30am – Safety of Missionaries
10:30am- World Peace
Mon, Jan 8, The Baptism of The Lord
Is 42:1-4, 6-7 Ps 29:1-4, 9-10 Mk 1:7-11
Tue, Jan 9, Seasonal Weekday
1 Sm 1:9-20 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8 Mk 1:21-28
Wed, Jan 10, Seasonal Weekday
1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20 Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10 Mk 1:29-39
Thu, Jan 11, Seasonal Weekday
1 Sm 4:1-11 Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 25-26 Mk 1:40-45
Fri, Jan 12, Seasonal Weekday
1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22 Ps 89:16-19 Mk 2:1-12
Sat, Jan 13, Seasonal Weekday
1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1 Ps 21:2-7 Mk 2:13-17
Sun, Jan 14, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Sm 3:3-10, 19 Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10 1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20 Jn 1:35-42

YOUR SACRIFICE LAST WEEK

Thank you for your sacrificial gift for our church. Your response to our offertory commitment has been tremendous! Our goal to meet our budget is \$5,400.00.

Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness!
CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS(In Pew and CashApp only):
Total in Pew Collection \$1453.50
CashApp \$50.00
Total \$1503.50

SUNDAY OFFERINGS 12-31-2023:
Total in Pew Collection \$1837.18
Vanco On-Line \$1215.04
CashApp \$77.00
Total \$3,128.22

Solemnity of the Mother of God(New Years Day)
Total in Pew Collection \$35.00
Total \$35.00

Special MASS SCHEDULE

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord:
January 8th: 4PM and 7PM

OFFERTORY GIVING STATEMENTS

Are being prepared for your tax and recording purposes. If you desire a statement of your giving for 2023, please contact Brittany Taylor in the Parish Office by phone or email. Statements will only be prepared and sent to those requesting them so as to save paper and postage. Thank you for your support!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sacraments and Faith Formation Registration 2023-24:
Please sign your child/teen up for First Communion, Confirmation.
<https://saolf-parish.com/FaithFormation-Registration>
You can also pick up a form at the church entrance or call Mr. Cary Dabney at 216-391-1655 ext#14

R.C.I.A. FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN

Are you someone or do you know someone who....
❖ Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
❖ Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?
❖ Is thirsting for God?
We offer an opportunity to come together to learn about the Catholic faith. To get started visit: <https://www.saolf.org/rite-of-christian-initiation-of-adults> or contact our Director of Religious Education, Mr. Cary Dabney at 216-391-1655 ext#14

COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

We need **New Members** to help in the ministerial work of communicating important information to the Parish. Some tasks include: Setting up the Mass Streaming Service; Website updates; Taking video and pictures of parish events and posting them; Updating the bulletin boards, etc... Please contact Fr. James and you will be invited to the next meeting: pastor@saolf.org

SCRIPTURE SERIES

THE JUDEO-CHRISTIAN TRADITION

A CLOSE READING OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

ALL SESSIONS HELD ON THURSDAYS, VIA ZOOM
6:30PM-8:30PM

UPCOMING SESSION: JAN 11TH:
"Love of God, Love of Neighbor & Holiness"

What is the Judeo-Christian Tradition?

In this series of biblical study, we are looking deeply into the Old Testament to find historical connects between ancient Jewish thought and our Christian understanding and reception of the Old Testament text. Our facilitator is Mr. Cary



Dabney, Professor of Theology and our Parish Director of Religious Education. **REGISTRATION IS NOT REQUIRED AND IS FREE.** Contact Mr. Dabney following both Masses for details or via email at cdabney@walsh.edu.

DIOCESAN CHOIR NEWS:

LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS!
EMAIL terriemac@roadrunner.com if you would like to be added to Diocesan choir email list #MusicUnitesUs

**St Agnes-Our Lady of Fatima
FISH FRY ANNOUNCEMENT**

There will be a short meeting for volunteers next Sunday, Jan 14th after the 10:30 Mass. We are looking for about 20 committed volunteers to assist with our fish fry this coming year. If you would like to help, please contact Carla Grant: 216-200-1525 or cgbible40@gmail.com. Thank you for your assistance in advance.

PREPARING FOR OUR PARISH CENSUS

In this coming year, our parish will be conducting a census which will include a special event in May. We will also implement other forms of communication, however, in order to reach everyone, we need to start updating our records. Many phone numbers and addresses have changed. To help us in this process, we need your help. If you or someone you know in our parish has changed their phone number or address, please contact the Parish Secretary, Brittany Taylor, btaylor@saolf.org

**PLEASE CHOOSE WISELY WHO YOU GIVE YOUR
INFORMATION TO IN ORDER TO PROTECT YOUR
IDENTITY**

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Beginning on Sunday, January 14th, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered every Sunday from 7:45AM to 8:15AM. Other days and times are being considered. The sacrament is always available by appointment.

Devotional Candles

The minimum donation for a devotional candle will now be \$5. Next week, envelopes labeled "Candle Donation" will be available for your use. Thank you to all who support the parish through the purchase of these candles and your devotional prayers.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES

	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
7-Jan	The Epiphany of the Lord	
Comm	Keith Durand	Carol Grant
Lector	Mike Bussey	Tiana Banks
Server	Uzuchukku Oranugo	Jeremiah Robinson Divine Onuorah
Usher	Lonnie Smith Karen Larry	Michelle Booker Billy Cardwell Lena Austin Erik Smith
14-Jan	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Comm	Betty Smith	Chi Chi Onuorah
Lector	Sandra Gay Chapman	Carla Grant
Server	Sharla Durand	Eric Smedley Jr. Melvin Onuorah
Usher	Lazuras Oranugo Jeremy Mangum	Billy Cardwell Antoinette Smith Linda Weatherspoon Erik Smith

Upcoming Parish Meetings

Spiritual Life and Liturgy Commission –
Wednesday, January 10th at 6:45PM: In the St. Augustine Room. Access by Zoom may be available if necessary

Men's Group – Sunday, December 10, after the 10:30AM Mass: Room to be determined.

PRAY FOR THE SICK+

Ogechi Achunine, Georgia Atkinson, Kalima Assami, Joyce Baker, Bessie Bolles, Gabriel Blair, Joyce Blanton-Smith, Anna Broadhead, Thella Brooks, Christine Byrd, William Byrd, Marcella Caffie, Kathy Clayton, Terrell Cole, Robin Davis, Edna Evans, Richard Gayle, James Nakima, Myron Gholson, Yvonne Griffin, Adriene Hall, JoAnn Hinson, Althea Hite, Ursula Hite, Patricia Heard, Estelle Hodges, Kyllan Hughes, Valada Hutchinson, Andrea Johnson, Joseph Jones, Brianna Jones, Reaber Jones, Craig Kelly, Janie Kincaid, Francesca Lehu, Dolores Malby, Elizabeth Malby, LaVerta Marshall, Bill Miller, David McClain, Chantel McConnell, Chaquita McClinton, Sharon McDuffie, Terri Mohr, Verendez Moore, Lounette Payne, Erma Pollard, Nisha Presley, Sue Scott, Regina Shanklin, Jerry Shelton, Kevin Sipp, Deborah Smedley, Barbara Sudberry, Danita Thomas, Janice Thompson, Hubert Watson, Desiree Webb, Aris White, James Keifer, Kathy Heard, Eboni Edwards, Monique Johnson, Margie Jones, Barbara Marshall Brown, Naomi Matthews, Fay Grady, Tyrone Grady, Rachael Glaster, Jame Hoyle, Judy Guzy, Latina Thomas, Constance Durrach,

Mary Roberts, Donald Leftwich, James Jackson, Marcia St. John, Sabrina Wilson, Betty Moore, Ophelia Swain, Evelyn Morson-Eaddie, Alonzo Givens, Yvonne Williamson, Regina Woodard, Beverly Greene-Reed, Jahiem Wilson Ali'Bey, Warren Family, William Jackson, Kardier Jackson, Carol Hollinger, Mattie McDonald, Anita Gullett, Natalie Webb, Carson Wetherwax, Gail Xavier, Jaqueline Zeigler, Darlene Harris, Lasonia Sims, Nina Simmons, Bertha McClain Alexander, Loraine Taylor, Danny Couch, Delvonte Grant, Monika Moss-Gransberry, **FAMILIES:** The Lane Family, The Poteat Family

Catholic Charities



**A time to heal.
A time to help.**

2023 Catholic Charities Appeal

Just over \$13.5M has been raised as of August 31. Starting September 13, 50,000 households received a letter from Bishop Malesic asking for monetary support of the 2023 Appeal. We are fast approaching our \$14.0M goal and every little bit helps support the 425,000 who rely on the 160 programs throughout the diocese.

NOTE: As of September, **St. Agnes Our Lady of Fatima Parish has raised 54%(\$7,483.96) of our goal of \$13,801.** Reaching our goal helps bring additional funds to our parish enabling us to build the ministries we need in our community.

Please Donate today:

<https://www.catholiccommunity.org/human>
or text CCHUMAN to 41444.

Sunday Van Driver

We are looking for a Parish Van Drivers. The Parish Van drivers provide transportation to church members for 10:30am Mass on Sunday morning. Must possess valid driver's license, be at least 21 years of age with clean driving record and willing to undergo Safe-Environment training. **STIPEND WILL BE PROVIDED.** If interested, please contact: Fr. James Watson: jwatson@saolf.org



**Van
Ministry**

Catholic Charities Summit County – We Are Hiring.

Catholic Charities Diocese of Cleveland is seeking a part-time Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) to assist in providing nursing care and support to older adults and adults with disabilities in an Adult Day Services setting. This is for part time position, working a minimum of 15 hours per week. No evenings, no weekends, no holidays. This position will be at our Summit Adult Day Services site in Akron, Ohio. Apply at <http://www.ccdocle.org/careers> or call 330-762-2000 with any questions. One need not be Catholic to join our workforce nor to access our services.

Annual Mass for Life 2024

Friday, January 19 from 10:00am - 11:00am

Join us for the Annual Youth Mass for Life at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist.

If you would like to attend, please contact Fr. James at pastor@saolf.org or at 216-391-1655 Ext#11.

Consider becoming a Lay Ecclesial Minister

The lay ecclesial minister is a fully initiated member in good standing of the Catholic community who, by baptismal commitment, prayer, discernment, and support of the community, responds to the call of the bishops to share in the mission of the Church. Certified Lay Ecclesial Ministers who serve across parishes, and diocesan offices in the various roles and ministries: pastoral associate, catechetical leader, campus minister, youth minister, bereavement, prison ministry, retreat houses and through Institutions or programs of social outreach and advocacy.

To learn more about becoming a Certified Lay Ecclesial Minister, please contact our office at (440) 943-7670 or email **Michelle Nowak: mnowak@dioceseofcleveland.org**

HelpOurMarriage.org
RETRouvaille
A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES
Struggling in your Marriage?
The Retrouvaille Program may be for you



This program is for couples with marital problems that want marriage help. Those who are considering marriage separation and those who are already separated or divorced are encouraged to consider the Retrouvaille Program. There is

always hope of reviving your relationship. Some couples come to Retrouvaille during the initial signs of a marriage problem. Other couples are in a state of despair and hopelessness when they attend the program. Many lawyers and judges send couples to Retrouvaille as a prerequisite to filing for a divorce or rendering final decisions. Many marriage counselors and family therapists send their clients to Retrouvaille as a prerequisite to counseling. These professionals know that the tools of communication in marriage taught in the program are often what couples need. **NOTE:** The Retrouvaille program is for husbands and wives and is not designed nor intended for couples in a co-habiting relationship.

Retrouvaille of Cleveland Upcoming Weekends

- **Jan 26, 2024**
- **Apr 19, 2024,**
- **Sep 20, 2024**

For Registration information and locations:

CALL: (800) 470-2230

EMAIL: cleveland@helpourmarriage.org

St. Agnes+Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church

A Ministry of the Capuchin Franciscan Friars
Visit the Capuchins at www.capuchin.com



MISSION STATEMENT

*Saint Agnes + Our Lady of Fatima Church
is a visionary Catholic Christian Community.*

As a diverse parish, we embrace

Africentric worship,

Christ centered hospitality,

and missionary service.

*Sustained by the wisdom of our elders
and energized by the spirit of our youth,*

we come together in faith

as a church family

*to give witness to the liberating message
of the Gospel.*



PARISH INFORMATION

Address: 6800 Lexington Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44103

Office: 216-391-1655

FAX: 216-391-7919

Email: parish@saolf.org

Website: www.saolf.org

Office Hours: Mon-Thurs: 9AM-12:30, 1:00PM-3:30PM
Fridays: Closed

Mass Schedule:

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Weekday: As Scheduled

Holyday: 7:15AM(Vigil Mass: 7:00PM)

PARISH STAFF:

Rev. James Watson, OFM Cap. Pastor
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Mr. Reginald Daniels, Custodian

Fatima Family Center: 6600 Lexington Ave.
LaJean Ray, Director
216-391-0505

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

By appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism for Infants:

Arrangements made in advance with a priest or deacon. Godparents must be practicing Catholics.

Sacrament of Marriage:

Preparations begin with a priest or deacon BEFORE setting a date and six months prior to intended date. Contact the parish to schedule an appointment.

Sacrament of the Sick and Home Visits:

Please contact the parish office.

Parish Registration: Welcome to our parish. To register, please contact the parish office. Or go to <https://saolf-parish.com/New-Registration>

Bulletin Deadline: Tuesdays at 12 noon

Electronic Giving Opportunities:

Go to www.saolf.org and click on "Make a Gift." For CashApp users: send to \$saolf